

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on February 19, 2008 at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Briggs,
Kidd, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Merz, Elder

STAFF PRESENT: Wilfred Wong, Community Development
Director; Matt Fremont, Associate Planner; Sue
Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Roper of 230 Electric Street in Auburn expressed his concern that a new home on his street at 260 Electric Street did not install curbs, gutters and sidewalks. He asked that this be looked into.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 1449 Lincoln Way (Four Rivers Naturopathic) - File HDR 08-7.** The applicant requests approval of one 17.29 square foot wall sign for a new business entitled Four Rivers Naturopathic located at 1449 Lincoln Way.

Planner Fremont gave the staff report. He explained that the sign is similar to the adjoining signs of two neighboring businesses at this location. He provided the details of the sign including size, colors and materials. The sign is in compliance with the City's size standards, and is consistent with the Historic Architectural Design Guidelines. Staff is in support of this proposal.

Comm. Worthington stated that she is in support of the proposed sign.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Spokely arrived at the meeting.

Comm. Thompson **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-6 as presented, approving one (1) business sign as illustrated in Exhibits "B" - "D".

Comm. Kidd **SECONDED**.

AYES: Thompson, Worthington, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Spokely
ABSENT: Merz, Elder

The motion was approved.

B. Historic Design Review - 897 Lincoln Way (A Taste of Auburn) - File HDR 08-4. The applicant requests approval of one ±18 square foot wall sign for A Taste of Auburn, a wine tasting establishment located at 897 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Briggs excused herself from this item and the following item (HDR 08-8(a)) and left the meeting due to their location within 500 feet of her business.

Planner Fremont gave the staff report. He provided the details of the proposed sign, including colors, materials and size. Staff has reviewed the selection of sign materials and colors and considers them to be consistent with the intent of the Design Guidelines and appropriate for the Downtown area.

Comm. Worthington stated that she has never seen PVC on plywood, and is unfamiliar with it.

Planner Fremont said that the applicant did not provide a sample of the material, however the applicant is in the audience tonight.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Stewart Perry of 897 Lincoln Way in Auburn is the co-owner of the business. He stated that PVC material is a 4' x 8' sheet of plastic that comes in a variety of colors. They chose the maroon color

to go with the theme of wine tasting. The 1/8" thick material is laminated to the top of the plywood which provides support.

Comm. Worthington asked how the logo would be imbedded.

Mr. Perry replied that it would be the same, laminated plastic over plywood, offset approximately 1" from the remainder of the sign.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kidd **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-5 as presented, approving one ±18 square foot wall sign for the front facade of A Taste of Auburn located at 897 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Thompson **SECONDED**.

AYES: Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Briggs
ABSENT: Merz, Elder

The motion was approved.

C. **Historic Design Review - City Parking Lot South of 893 High Street (City of Auburn) - File HDR 08-8(a).** Historic Design Review approval of streetscape improvements, including but not limited to, street landscaping, benches, bus shelters, and information kiosks for a City owned parking lot located on High Street northeast of the Kenmass Avenue and High Street intersection.

Director Wong gave the staff report. This is a component of the Streetscape project. Director Wong reviewed the details of the proposed project. Staff recommends approval of this project.

The public hearing was opened.

City Manager, Bob Richardson stated that the Leadership Auburn group will be constructing the seating area. The seating area will be constructed around the existing tree, which will remain. A full arborist's report has been completed for the entire Streetscape corridor. The bus stop and the kiosk will be constructed later. He will be returning to the Commission for review of several mini projects that are part of the Streetscape project.

Local architect, Michael Murphy described some of the components of the Streetscape project. He referred to three boards that he provided tonight which show photos and drawings of the project.

Mr. Richardson described the process by which the Streetscape project has been reviewed.

Chrm. Smith asked when the project will begin.

Mr. Richardson replied that they expect to start in March or April. He further explained the future plans for the project and stated that the funding for the project is already in place.

Comm. Worthington asked if there is a plan for notifying the public about the project and whether it will be announced on the City's website.

Mr. Richardson replied that there absolutely will be notification to the public about the project, and it will be announced on the website.

Comm. Worthington asked for details about the benches, the type of rock, and the brick, which Mr. Murphy provided.

Comm. Worthington asked who is responsible for maintenance of the improvements.

Mr. Murphy replied that they will use the best materials and paints possible so that any dirt or graffiti can be pressure-washed off.

Comm. Spokely asked what type of information will be provided on the kiosks and who approves the information.

Mr. Richardson explained that it is planned for a map and additional information to be placed on the kiosk. The details will be provided to the Commission at a later date.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Worthington requested that a materials sample be provided to have on file.

Mr. Richardson said that they will use the Maple Street freeway sign as the color and materials pallet for this project.

The Commissioners were agreeable with the use of the Maple Street sign as the color and materials pallet.

Mr. Richardson stated that he would be happy to return to the Commission to provide complete details of the Streetscape project as it currently stands.

Comm. Kidd **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-8(a) as presented, approving the streetscape improvements as illustrated in Exhibits "B" - "F".

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Briggs
ABSENT: Merz, Elder

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting on March 4, 2008.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant